Four terrorists killed in KP operations

Mortar strike claims young girl's life in Tirah

Dawn Report

KOHAT: Four terrorists were killed in two operations carried out by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of police in Kohat and Karak districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, security officials said on Friday.

The terrorists killed in Bazid Khel village of Darra Adam Khel on Thursday late night were identified as Muhammad Qasim, Shahid and Sahir alias Pata, all belonging to the Saad alias Shah Gul group, the officials said, adding that they were involved in attacks on police, including the killing of Constable Younis on Sept 17.

Sahir was also involved in an attack on a police check post in Tor Chappar on Oct 6, in which Constable Bahadar was martyred.

District Police Officer Shehbaz Elahi said the SHO of Muhammad Riaz Shaheed police station was on routine patrol when unknown gunmen opened fire at 1:22am. Police retaliated, leading to an intense exchange of fire that resulted in the killing of the three terrorists. Weapons were recovered from them.

In Karak district, the CTD killed another terrorist in the Banda Daud Shah area on Thursday night. District police spokesman Shaukatullah said CTD personnel were conducting an operation in the mountainous region when they came across a group of terrorists.

An intense firefight ensued, with the militants using light and heavy weapons. After the firing stopped, law enforcement personnel searched the area and found the body of a terrorist identified as Suleman alias Akram, a resident of Kohat. He was wanted in several terrorism cases, including attacks on SNGPL installations.

Girl killed

Meanwhile, a girl was killed and eight people were injured in two separate bombing incidents in Tirah valley over the past two days. Sources said the eight-year-old girl died in Bar Qambarkhel when a mortar shell struck a house on Wednesday night.

In another incident, eight persons were injured when an explosive device dropped from a quadcopter struck a wedding ceremony in the Shalobar area.

The injured were taken to Mishti hospital in Orakzai district and later referred to Peshawar for further treatment. It could not be confirmed who operated the quadcopter, though security forces have previously accused militants of using such devices to target their positions.

Meanwhile, unidentified gunmen abducted an engineer and two dam workers from the Mamanrry dam area in Bara on Thursday night. Sources said no group had claimed responsibility and the motive was unclear. The engineer had been hired by a private firm to conduct a survey.

In Landi Kotal, a man was injured when a pistol accidentally discharged in the Ziyarrhai area on Friday. He was taken to Landi Kotal Hospital, where his condition was stated to be out of danger.

Abdul Sami Paracha in Kohat, Ghulam Mursalin Marwat in Lakki Marwat and Ibrahim Shinwari in Khyber contributed to this report

Balochistan PA passes child marriage bill

• Opposition lawmakers tear copies of the bill, surround speaker's dais, shout slogans during the session • JUI-F's Younis Zehri terms the bill 'against Islamic teachings • CM Bugti cites Shariat Court's judgement in response • Opposition vows to challenge legislation in court

By Saleem Shahid

OPPOSITION members in the Balochistan Assembly protest the passage of the Child Marriage Prohibition Bill during the session.—PPI

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly on Friday adopted the Child Marriage Prohibition Bill with majority votes amid strong protests by opposition members.

The presentation and passage of the bill triggered heated scenes in the House, with opposition lawmakers shouting slogans and creating a ruckus. During the chaos, opposition members encircled the speaker's dais and tore copies of the bill.

The session, chaired by Speaker Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, began with the draft law on banning child marriage being presented to the House.

Speaking on the bill, Leader of the Opposition Younis Zehri of the JUI-F said the legislation was against the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah and was being introduced merely to please a non-governmental organisation. Responding to this, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that the Shariat Court was the highest authority on such matters and its judgement had already been conveyed.

Mr Zehri tore up the agenda documents in protest. As the bill was being presented, opposition members continued their agitation, tearing copies of the bill and throwing them in the air. Despite the uproar, the Child Marriage Prohibition Bill was approved by the assembly.

Opposition MPA Asghar Tareen stated that although the bill had been passed, the opposition would challenge it in court. Heated exchanges also took place between government and opposition members during the session.

During the session, issues regarding the delay in laptop distribution for students in Panjgur, sports activities and funding in Gwadar, and various points of order and departmental questions were addressed. However, three resolutions could not be presented due to disruptions during the approval of the Child Marriage Prohibition Bill.

Condolence

The House also condoled the deaths of Senator Irfan Siddiqui and Agha Siraj Durrani, and members paid tribute to those martyred in recent terrorist incidents. Leader of the Opposition Younis Zehri criticised the Planning and Development Department for providing incorrect information on its projects, saying it undermined both his and the assembly's privileges.

The speaker ruled that a proper response would be provided in the next session and that accountability would follow in case of negligence.

Speaking to the media after the session, CM Bugti reaffirmed the provincial assembly's constitutional right to legislate following the passage of the child marriage bill.

"Legislation is the constitutional right of the government, and the provincial assembly exercised that right today," he said.

He noted that the bill had been passed with majority votes, calling it a symbol of the strength of the democratic process.

CM Bugti emphasised that protest was the democratic right of the opposition, which the government respected. He assured that dialogue and negotiation would remain open.

He underlined that while dissent is part of democracy, legislation is always carried out in the best interest of the people.

He clarified that the bill had been under committee review for six months and was approved by the Balochistan Cabinet before being passed in the Assembly.

He stressed that the government prioritises consensus-based legislation, ensuring every bill undergoes extensive consultation and transparent procedures.

CM Bugti assured the public that the government was working with sincerity and responsibility for the development and welfare of Balochistan, and that the legislative process would continue without interruption.

Later, the speaker adjourned the session until November 17.

Tajikistan's defence minister calls on COAS

RAWALPINDI: Minister of Defence of Tajikistan Colonel General Sobirzoda Emomali Abdulrahim called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, here on Friday at General Headquarters (GHQ).

During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, regional security, and bilateral defence cooperation were discussed, says a press release issued by Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

Both sides expressed their resolve to enhance the existing military-to-military collaboration, particularly in the areas of training, counter-terrorism, and regional security. The visiting dignitary appreciated the professionalism of the Pakistan army and acknowledged its role in promoting regional stability and peace.

The COAS, while emphasising the importance of collective efforts for regional stability and prosperity, reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to strengthening defence and security ties with Tajikistan.—APP

Some banks to stay open for Haj dues collection

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan has decided to open designated branches on Saturday (today) for the collection of dues (second instalment) for next year's Haj.

"It has been decided on the request of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony that all branches designated for Haj operations shall remain open from 9am to 2:30pm on Saturday, Nov 15, to facilitate the deposit of Haj dues (second instalment) by [the] intending pilgrims," read a press release issued by the SBP on Friday.

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from amongst generals in the Pakistan Army, for a tenure of three years." The proposed amendment also authorises the prime minister to "reappoint the commander…for additional tenure of three years and/or extend the tenure(s)…up to three years" on the recommendations of the chief of the defence forces. It further says, "The appointment, reappointment or extension of the commander of the National Strategic Command, or the exercise of discretion by the appointing authority in this regard, shall not be called into question before any court on any ground whatsoever".

Another amendment reads that "the federal government may, on the recommendation of the chief of the army staff concurrently the chief of the defence forces and by order in writing, authorise the officer appointed as vice chief of the army staff or deputy chief of the army staff to exercise and perform such of the powers and functions vested in the chief of the army staff under any law, rules, regulations, orders or instructions for the time being in force as may be so specified".

Meanwhile, amendments to the air force and navy laws include the elimination of the post of CJCSC from their documents.

The amendment to the Supreme Court law paves the way for the elimination of the constitutional bench, which was formed under the 26th Amendment.

Jordan's king due in Islamabad today

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Hussein will undertake a state visit to Pakistan on November 15-16. The visit, he said, reflects the deep-rooted fraternal ties between the two countries. He said that the king will hold meetings with the president and the prime minister, with the agenda expected to cover enhanced cooperation in defence, trade, regional peace and counter-terrorism.

Earlier today, Jordan's King Abdullah II and Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto discussed bilateral ties and paths for greater collaboration in the fields of economy, defence and trade in Jakarta, according to Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono.—Agencies

TTAP unveils protest plan

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and the spirit of the Constitution has been undermined.

"We reject all person-specific amendments to the Constitution. It must be restored to its original form," the TTAP statement said.

The meeting also praised the Supreme Court judges who recently tendered their resignations.

The statement added that the controversial amendments have gravely damaged the judiciary and curtailed the authority and role of the Supreme Court. TTAP viewed the resignations of senior Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Athar Minallah as acts of resistance against attempts to erode the Constitution's authority. The TTAP also expressed support for the declaration of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Amn Jirga and demanded its implementation.

The KP Amn Jirga had recently called on the federal government to prioritise negotiations with Afghanistan and to consult the KP government on Afghan policy.

The jirga, organised by the KP government, demanded a provincial action plan, the reopening of all trade routes with Afghanistan, and the reduction of tensions between the provincial and federal governments.

FCC begins work amid row over selection criteria

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judges — Justices Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan, Babar Sattar and Saman Rafat Imtiaz — also did not attend.

However, Justices Arbab Mohammad Tahir, Mohammad Asif, Mohammad Azam Khan and Raja Inam Ameen Minhas were present. IHC Chief Justice Sardar Sarfraz Dogar was also present on the podium where the FCC judges were seated.

Earlier in the morning, seven seats had been placed on the podium, but four were later removed. The ceremony also began behind schedule.

Justice Aminuddin Khan hinted that more judges may be administered the oath in a day or two and that the FCC may eventually have a total strength of 13 judges. At the Presidency, both the CJP Yahya Afridi and Justice Aminuddin Khan arrived together for the oath-taking.

Whether the judges were selected for competence or on a subjective assessment of loyalty to the government and a perceived willingness to "toe the government's line" was a matter of concern, the senior counsel said, warning that the impartiality of the FCC risked being compromised from the outset.

"If impartiality is suspected, no court has any ground in the eyes of the public," he regretted, adding that the government should have moved to allay such perceptions when two Supreme Court judges resigned over making the apex court subordinate to the FCC.

Former additional attorney general Tariq Mehmood Khokhar described Friday's oath-taking as an event that would be remembered "not as the commencement of a new judicial chapter, but as the death rites for the nation's existing constitutional order and judicial independence".

It had, he said, become a flashpoint for "intense nationwide criticism and public outrage" over its implications. An unelected executive, he argued, had moved an unelected legislature to enact a constitutional amendment, circumventing the Supreme Court by establishing the FCC and effectively empowering the latter by disempowering the former, with the FCC usurping the Supreme Court's constitutional jurisdiction.

The amendment allows the executive to appoint FCC judges and to order non-consensual transfers of high court judges, he bemoaned.

Former Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Muneer A. Malik, who earlier spearheaded the 2007 lawyers' movement, said he would oppose the controversial 27th Amendment "tooth and nail" and questioned the criteria under which the new judges had been elevated to the FCC.

"This is court-packing of the FCC to gain particularised judgements," he alleged, asking what significant background some of the appointees possessed that justified their elevation.

At the very least, the names of those under consideration for the FCC should have been floated in advance so that the public could understand the criteria behind the selections, he said.

Mr Malik also questioned whether the chief justices of the respective high courts had been consulted before some of their judges were elevated, terming the entire appointment process "totally non-transparent and absolutely a joke".

Full court

Despite popular belief, the scheduled full court meeting, presided over by CJP Afridi, did not take up for discussion the resignations of the two Supreme Court judges — Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and Athar Minallah — nor the appointment of judges to the FCC or the situation arising after the passage of the 27th Amendment.

Instead, a Supreme Court press release said, the full court gave its final approval to the newly adopted Supreme Court Rules, 2025.

According to the statement, the participants "unanimously updated the Rules on the recommendation of the committee, comprising Justice Shahid Waheed, Justice Irfan Saadat Khan, Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan and Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi, constituted under Rule 1(4) of Order I of the Supreme Court Rules, 2025, for removal of difficulties arising in giving effect to its provisions".

The full court also unanimously approved the grant of the status of senior advocate of the Supreme Court to Muhammad Munir Paracha — an advocate of the apex court until now — in terms of Rule 5 of Order IV of the Supreme Court Rules, 2025.

FCC begins work

Separately, the FCC formally commenced on Friday after its chief justice and four judges took the oath.

The newly formed apex constitutional forum has begun work under makeshift arrangements, as its permanent premises have yet to be finalised.

The Ministry of Law and Justice issued notifications appointing six judges to the FCC following presidential approval.

Besides Justices Rizvi, Farooq and Najafi, the appointees include Sindh High Court's Justice K.K. Agha and Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Rozi Khan Barrech. Arshad Hussain Shah has also been appointed after Justice Musarrat Hilali declined to join the FCC, according to sources.

Sources said Justice K.K. Agha's oath-taking ceremony is scheduled for Saturday (today) at the IHC. The remaining two judges have not yet confirmed their availability, but if they appear on Saturday, they too will be administered the oath.

Initially, the FCC was proposed to be housed in the Federal Shariat Court (FSC) building, but FSC judges strongly resisted relocation to the third floor of the IHC building. Another proposal suggested accommodating the FCC temporarily within the IHC premises; however, sources said the FCC chief justice is seeking to retain courtrooms inside the Supreme Court until a permanent building is allocated. If the Supreme Court administration refused to accommodate the FCC in its premises, the Constitutional Court would resume its functions from the IHC from Monday.

Resignations accepted

Meanwhile, President Zardari on Friday accepted the resignations of Supreme Court judges Mansoor Ali Shah and Athar Minallah.

The two judges had handed in their resignations a day earlier, hours after the contentious 27th Amendment was signed into law by the president, describing the legislation as an affront to the judiciary and the 1973 Constitution.

In a separate development, 14 prominent lawyers — including Muneer A. Malik, Makhdoom Ali Khan, Faisal Siddiqui and Salahuddin Ahmed — issued a joint statement expressing regret over the resignations.

They declared that Justice Shah and Justice Minallah had "permanently etched their names in the short list of national heroes who prized principles over expediency, but at the demise of the Supreme Court and the extinguishment of the last members of an independent judiciary".

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4.	OGDCL-SCM-LBF-CESS-WAHID-303194844-2025	CONSTRUCTION OF PDEW AT WELL WAHID BAKSH 01, SINDH PROVINCE	02.12.2025 AT 1130 Hrs
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